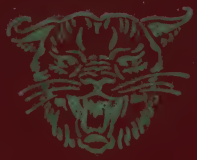

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Mid the tall pines of our grand old North State;
Stands our dear school we cherish so fondly.
In thy dear halls we placed our lives and fate
And now we sing to thee so merrily.
Dear Union High, we'll ever stand by Thee.
Dear Union High, we'll ever honor Thee.

Dear Union High, we cherish thy dear name.
We'll always be faithful and true to Thee.
Our love for thee will always be the same;
We'll ever pledge our constant loyalty.
Dear Union High, our best our loyal friend,
Still lead us forward to a joyful end.

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FOREWORD

History. . . the kind we all like. . . that's what this book is. Here, in brief, is a twelve-year record of "the time of our lives," our days at Union.

Here are many pictures, many words, but the important thing, our affection for our School, cannot easily be pictured or described. However, we trust that this book will serve to keep that affection alive.

DEDICATION

MR. BRUCE GRIFFIN

We, the Seniors of '54, affectionately dedicate this annual to Mr. Bruce Griffin, whom we have trusted, asked for advice, depended upon, and loved.

We began school twelve years ago. By some coincidence Mr. Griffin came to Union at the same time. . . perhaps that is one reason we have a special regard for him. He has been an important part of our lives at Union and has been an excellent example of friendship, honesty, dependability and loyalty.

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IN APPRECIATION

MR. ZEB THOMAS

The Annual Staff takes this opportunity to say "Thanks" to Mr. Zeb Thomas for his devotion and support to the school and community. Mr. Zeb Thomas has served as chairman of the Union District Committee for the past eight years.

Top - MR. TROY MEDLIN
Bottom - MR. BOYCE BROOKS

MR. ZEB THOMAS
Chairman District
Committee

Upper Right--
Top - MR. HOYLE THOMAS
Bottom - MR. PAUL THOMAS

Faculty

MR. BYRON WILLIAN LATHAN

Mr. B. W. Lathan received his Master of Arts degree on August 26, 1953. As Seniors, we are proud to have Mr. Lathan as one of us. For some of us this will be our final graduation, while for others, as for Mr. Lathan, there will be other graduations on other days.

MR. LATHAN

MR. BRAY

MRS. RUSHING

MR. LITTLE

MRS. STARNES

MR. THOMPSON

MR. WILLIAMS

MR. GREENE

MRS. LATHAN

MRS. MARSH

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MRS. GLENN

MRS. PRICE

MRS. BAUCOM

MRS. RIVERS

MRS. HELMS

MRS. DAVIS

MRS. PHILLIPS

MISS TRULL

MRS. CLARK

MRS. WILLIAMS, MR. NEWKIRK, MRS. BLACKBURN

Lunchroom Staff

CAFETERIA WORKERS

Left to right: Mrs. Beulah Greene, Mrs. Ethel Rogers, Mrs. Amy Phillips, Mrs. Kathleen Brooks.

Seniors

BOBBY JOE MULLIS
President of Senior Class.

RALPH BAKER
Vice President of Senior Class.

SHIRLIE CASKEY
Secretary-Treasurer of Senior Class.

ROBERT AUSTIN
Glee Club; Basketball Team; Baseball Team; Volleyball; Band.

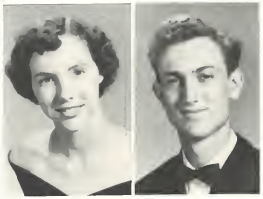
SHIRLIE AUTRY
Basketball; Waitress at Banquet; Beta Club; Assistant Editor of Annual; 4-H Club; Store Worker; Librarian; Music; Dramatics Club; Softball.

MR. BRAY
Senior Sponsor

RALPH BAKER
Basketball; Bus Driver; Junior Play; Baseball; Vice President of Senior Class; FFA President.

SHIRLIE CASKEY
Basketball; Waitress at Banquet; Beta Club, President; Editor of Annual; 4-H Club; Junior Play; Student Council; Beta Club Play; Secretary of Class; Softball.

MARY COLLINS
Basketball; Junior Play; Waitress at Banquet; Beta Club, Secretary; Band; Librarian; Marshal for 9th, 10th, 11th Grades; Student Council; Office Worker; Newspaper; Beta Club Play; Sportsmanship Award; Athletic Award; Band Award; Miss Hi Miss.



BILLY COX
FFA Club; Softball.

JAMIE DEESE
Dramatics Club; Softball; FHA Club.

MAVIS DEESE
Softball; Basketball; 4-H Club, Beta Club.

RICHARD FUNDERBURK
Basketball; Baseball; Junior Play Prompter; Bus Driver Substitute; 4-H Club; FFA.

PEGGY HARRELL
Cheerleader; Storeworker; Junior Play; Softball; 4-H Club; Dramatics Club; Annual Staff.

JERRY HELMS
FFA; Basketball Manager; Baseball; Bus Driver Substitute; Softball; Junior Play.

GLENN McRORIE
Basketball; Basketball Manager; Junior Play; 4-H Club; Bus Driver; FFA.

JAMES EARL HOWIE
Baseball; Basketball; FFA.

BILLY MOORE
FFA; Basketball; Cheerleader; Store Worker; Student Council; Bus Driver; Baseball.

BOBBY JOE MULLIS
FFA Club; President of Senior Class; Bus Driver; President of Student Council; Softball; Business Manager of Annual; Beta Club.

KENNETH PHIFER
FFA; Cheerleader; Basketball; Bus Driver; Baseball; Beta Club; Student Council; President of Junior Class; Junior Play; Beta Play; Marshal.

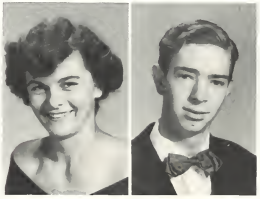
MAXINE PLYLER
Softball; Volleyball; Glee Club; 4-H Club; Dramatics Club; Librarian; Science Club.

CECIL POPE
FFA; Softball; Football; Baseball.

JOYCE RIGGINS
Softball; Librarian; Dramatics Club; Glee Club.

JOCELYN ROSS
Softball; Glee Club; Dramatics Club; Science Club.

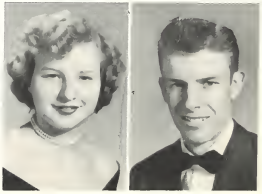
CLARA SIMS
Basketball; Softball; 4-H Club.



E. R. STARNES
FFA; Softball.

MIRIAM STIKELEATHER
Cheerleader; Bus Driver; Softball; 4-H Club; Office Worker; Usher at Junior Play.

JERRY SUGGS
Basketball; Bus Driver; FFA; Baseball.



SHIRLEY ANN THOMAS
Librarian; Dramatics Club; Beta Club; Librarian; Waitress at Banquet.

SHIRLIE THREATTE
Basketball; Softball; Store Worker; Librarian; Beta Club; Beta Club Play; Junior Play; Office Worker.

DORIS WHITLEY
Music; Softball; Basketball; Dramatics Club; Cheerleader; Librarian.

MARION WHITLEY
FFA; Softball; Football; Baseball; 4-H Club.

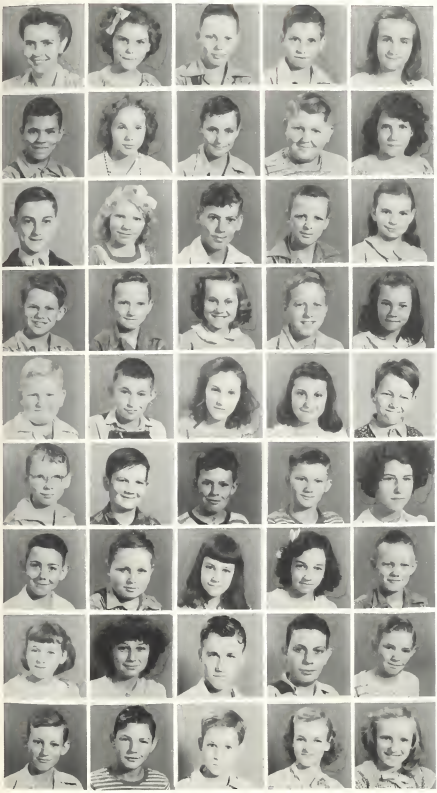
PATSY WILLIAMS
Softball; Basketball; Waitress of Banquet; Junior Play; Band; Librarian; Student Council; Beta Club; Beta Club Play; Office Worker; Newspaper Staff; Bus Driver.

MANETTA WILLIAMS
Mascot

BRUCE ROGERS
Mascot

Mascots

Seniors as Sixth Graders



Sallie Trull
Virginia Aldridge
Ralph Baker
James Carnes
Shirley Caskey

Roger Collins
Mary Collins
Lee Collins
Charles Clontz
Juanita Courtney

Billy Cox
Mavis Deese
Billy R. Donahue
Richard Funderburk
Elizabeth Griffin

Rommie Griffin
J. B. Guion
Peggy Harrell
Wayne Helms
Dorothy Helms

Jerry Ray Helms
James Earl Howie
Ruth Jones
Betty Ruth Laney
James McCorkle

Charles McManus
Glenn McRorie
Billy W. Moore
Bobby Joe Mullis
Margaret Mullis

Kenneth Phifer
Cecil Pope
Elizabeth Ratliff
Joyce Riggins
Jerry Rollins

Doris Rorie
Sue Nell Rushing
Deryl Simpson
Bobby Joe Snipes
E. R. Starnes

Hiram Stegall
Brackie Thomas
Glenn Thomas
Doris Williams
Patsy Williams

Class History

Four short years ago, the class of '54 set forth on their voyage to "Graduation Harbor." The seas were rough, but the crew was willing, and all in all the voyage was "smooth-sailin'."

In July of 1950, about fifty green freshmen set out like a crew of young sailors with both doubt and anticipation. We may term this as our "sea-sick days." Our captain, Mr. Gerald Downs, steered the "Uniciania" through the year. We boasted the sale of paper with our subtraction problems and the boys kept up plenty of steam for the engine by shoveling coal. After nine months of our sea-wanderings, we found ourselves approaching the quartermark of our journey.

Our co-captains, Mrs. Starnes and Mr. Little, must have fed us a double dose of seasick pills because seven of us were inducted into the Beta Club that year. During the year Doris Williams, Doris Rorie, and Jerry Dean Tarlton fell off into the "Sea of Matrimony." Several others went aboard another ship hoping to find a smoother sailin' life. However, the majority of us remained faithful to the "Uniciania."

We began our Junior year with more enthusiasm than ever before. Our captain, Mrs. Rushing, led us through a busy but happy year. Our play, "Cracked Nutts," was a tremendous success and the cast thoroughly enjoyed presenting it. Many of our sailors were capable athletes, and we were proud of the Championship and Sportsmanship trophies which were awarded to the "Uniciania" crew. Toward Commencement time we got the deck of the old "Uniciania" decorated and had a beautiful banquet at which we carried out the theme "Moonlight and Roses." Charles McManus and Betty Adams dropped out during the year, and Betty Laney followed the example of the girls who had previously descended into the "Sea of Matrimony."

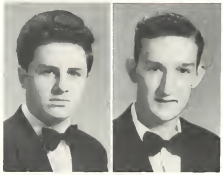
Nearing our destination, we were fortunate to receive a real navy man, Mr. J. P. Bray, for our captain. Several of our members again excelled in sports to accomplish more victories for the "Uniciania." We were very busy on our annual. Much interest was aroused on the "Uniciania" by our Senior Play, "Two Dates For Tonight." As we anticipated, our Junior-Senior Banquet was the best ever. After the fog of final exams, we saw "Graduation Harbor," shining like a beacon in the night. As we left our beloved "Uniciania" we were presented a diploma as a merit for our faithfulness.

As graduates, we once more set out on a journey this time for our long awaited and much deserved trip to Washington. Any member of the Class of '54 will describe this as a most enjoyable postlude for our graduation journey.

Juniors

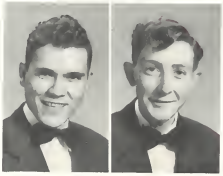
MRS. RUSHING
Sponsor

L. C. ARANT



FRANKLIN AUTRY

MARCUS CARLAN



ROGER COLLINS

SPENCER COLLINS

MARGARET CLONTZ

PEGGY CLONTZ

MARY ANN DEAN
Secretary

MRS. BONNIE DEESE

DAVID DEESE

WILLIE DEESE

JAMES FUNDERBURK

JULIA FUNDERBURK

GERALD GADDY

JESSIE GRIFFIN

JIMMY GRIFFIN

KEMP HELMS

JERRY HELMS

SHIRLEY HELMS

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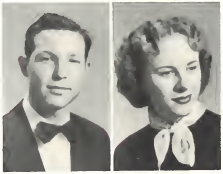
DARRELL JENKINS



MILLON MANGUM

EVELYN MOORE

BOBBY MEDLIN

MARY LEE PARKER

MAX PRESSON

HERBERT RORIE

DORIS RAPE

TIM ROSS

JUANITA SMITH

ANNIE MAE SNEED

SHELLEY SNIPES

BOBBY LEE SUGGS

CARL WILLIAMS

FARIS WHITLEY

DORIS YARBROUGH

Cheerleaders

Sophomores

Mr. Little, Sponsor
Delane Taylor
Max Smith

Gene Adams
Helen Aldridge
Clara Austin

Jack Allen
Gene Autry
Jessie Autry

Belvia Boswell
Max Brooks
Joe Clontz

Margie Collins
Jerry Davis
Bruce Deese

Erby Deese
Louise Deese
Mary Deason

Rachel Falkenbury
Glenson Funderburk
Kieth Funderburk

Cecil Griffin
Marion Griffin
Rachel Griffin

Joan Helms
Peggy Hilton
Faynell Horne

Lorianne Jones
Myra Knight
Otto Long

Darrel Mangum
Louise Mangum
Bruce Medlin

Marvin Medlin
Kathryn Mills
Jerry Mullis

Joyce Mullis
Dorothy Pressley
Phyllis Rollins

Charles Rorie
Marlene Smith
Max Smith

Annie Ruth Stegal
Virginia Stikeleather
Mary Jane Stutts

Delane Taylor
Sherill Taylor
Joan Terry

Barbara Thomas
Hoyle Thomas
Jerry Thomas

Morris Thomas
Peggy Whitley

Freshmen

Mrs. Starnes
Teacher
Jerry Adcock
Loree Autry

Morris Autry
Buddy Boswell
Doris Jean Carnes
Tommy Collins

Bobby Collins
Billy Ann Deese
Evelyn Deese
Phyllis Deese

Joan Funderburk
Arlee Griffin
Stancil Pope
Amos Horne

Kenneth Mattox
Laura Parker
Joan Rape
Joan Rorie

Ronald Suggs
Arnold Threatt
Marciel Thomas
Billy Hamp Hill
Absent

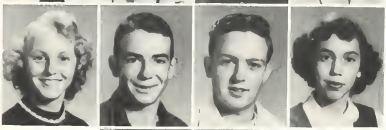
Mr. Thompson, Teacher

Kenneth Autrey
H. S. Carlon
Rachel Clontz
Billy Collins

Don Collins
Betty Lou Cox
Ruth Estridge
Mabel Faulkebury

David Funderburk
Shirley Helms
Earl Laney
Ruby Jean Lowery

Doris Jeane Martin
Doyle Martin
Lorraine Parker
Harley Parker



Violet Price
Gary Rorie
Calvin Sneed
Elaine Thomas

Phyllis Watson
Lucille Whitaker

Absent when picture was taken: Jack Hinson, Betty Ruth Talton, Harold Simpson, Robert Lee.

Classes

MRS. LATHAN
First Grade

First row, left to right: Edith Rape, Margaret Collins, Brenda Tarlton, Ronda Gaddy, Gail Price, Martha Rushing, Kathryn Horne, Patti Williams, Barbara Presson. Second row: Cecil Moser, Wanda Simpson, Annie Plyler, Vivian Medlin, Karen Sherrin, Larry Baucom, Harry Haney, Brenda Guion, Judy Williams, Donny Starnes. Third row: Charles Mullis, Johnnie Threatt, Bonnie Threatt, Rufus Lee, Brenda Sue Smith, Joe Lathan, Bob Robinson, Benny Moore, Benny Rorie, Billy Aldridge. Absent: Johnny Adams, Kathryn Blanchard.

MRS. MARSH
First Grade

First row, left to right: R. P. Tarlton, Frances Jenkins, Phyllis Autry, Linda Jenkins, Lottie Rose Lee, Sherrill Dial, Ronald Timmons, Harriet Moore, Danny Martin, David Thomas. Second row: Troy Helms, Dale Hargett, Linda Caskey, Kenneth Whitaker, Billy Hilton, Marilyn Hilton, David Jordan, Allen Presson. Third row: Willis Griffen, Billy Ray Arant, Ronnie Mills, Dennis Autry, Delbert Horne, Linda Helms, Ronald Cox. Fourth row: Richard Hilton, Patsy Craig, Edward Pressley, Linda Deese. Absent: Judy Hunter.

MRS. FUNDERBURK
Second Grade

First row, left to right: Dorothy Deese, Norma Lynn Aldridge, Anne Courtney, Martha Ruth Knight, Henry Lee, Morris Pressley, Mrs. Funderburk. Second row: Judy Aldridge, Louise Threatt, Carol Laney, Dale Starnes, Cecil Arant. Third row: Norma Rae Strawn, Judy Bigham, Ronald Belk, Don Baucom, Jerry Moser. Fourth row: Linda Teal, Ruth Foard, Wade Aldridge, Larry Williams, Barbara Griffin. Fifth row: Michael Martin, Bobby Plyler, Peggy Ann Helms, William Rorie, Wayne Strawn. Absent: Alice Griffin, Kay Rorie, Vivian Mangum.

MRS. GLENN
Second Grade

First row, left to right: Brenda Parker, Patti Lau, Judy Pennegar, Donna Sue Wheeler, Ralph Funderburk, Aaron Leonard, Louise Griffen, Donald Beaver. Second row: Dillon Aldridge, Michael Hammond, Linda Walters, Johnny Carroll Ross, Alfred Thomas, Tommy Grant, Martha Melton, Carolyn Anderson, Mary Ann Boswell, Larry Clontz. Third row: Dianne Nash, Marcia Baucom, Brenda Autry, Carolyn Faye Outlaw, Allen Green, Kay Baucom, Margaret Lathan, Janet Griffen, Brenda McManus, Rebecca Sims. Absent: Shirley Helms and Dorothy Rollins.

MRS. PRICE
Third Grade

First row, left to right: Janet Helms, Ann Arant, Kenneth Sims, Donald Melton, Linda McClellan, Annis Foster, Vickie Griffin, Patricia Carelock, Billy Ray Whitaker. Second row: Vicky Collins, Brenda Moore, Richard Mangum, Rebecca Collins, Linda Hinson, Joe Rogers, Peggy Pressley, Linda Stegall, Roger Price. Third row: Alvin Thomas, Nathan Mullis, Travis Pope, Charles Stevenson, Darrell Estridge, Benny Greene, Millon Sudduth, Larry Lee, Carol Hilton, Jimmy Hemphill. Absent: Donnie Knight, Ruth Collins, Eloise Wicker, Robert Carlan.

MRS. BAUCOM
Fourth Grade

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MRS. RIVERS
Fourth Grade

First row, left to right: Gary Horne, J. B. Walden, Larry Deese, Bobby Joe Ross, Murray Adams, Larry Parker, James Adcock, Clayton Williams. Second row: Peggy Sims, Annie Tarlton, Katie Lee Arant, Sherry Sanders, Bobby Hilton, Delane Preslar, Brenda Courtney, Virginia Rogers, Mrs. Rivers. Third row: Gary Small, Charles Rape, Douglas Medlin, Jerome Starnes, Shirley Plyler, Bonnie Lou Autry, Margie Griffin, Harold Huneycutt. Absent: John Henry Rollins, Brenda Bartlett, Carol Griffin, Barbara Helms, James Moser, Edward Parker.

MRS. HELMS
Fifth Grade

First row, left to right: Shirley Smith, Lois Autry, Dianne Cox, Judy Clontz, Verna Lee, Sarah Davis, Ann Lee. Second row: Theodore Funderburk, Clarence Horne, Gerald Foster, Millon Adams, Linda Presson. Third row: Chris Curlee, Joel Allen, Paris Simpson, Lucille Griffen, Margaret Griffen. Fourth row: Leonard Deese, Kenneth Medlin, Jerry Lane Medlin, Chester Moser, Mrs. Helms. Fifth row: Barry Pennegar, Glenn Sanders, David Rogers, Sarah Jordan, Brenda Adcock, Elizabeth Deese. Absent: Virgie Price and Frank Mullis.

MRS. DAVIS
Fifth Grade

First row, left to right: Billy Plyler, Charles Sims, Jerry Haney, Jimmy Lane Horne, Eugene Pressley, Walter Stegall, Jimmy Thomas, Bert Parker. Second row: James Williams, Josephine Collins, Helen Clontz, Nancy Williams, Linda Walden, Carolyn Jenkins, Frances Williams, Darrell Guion, L. C. Aldridge. Third row: Norma Jean Rayfield, Joyce Aldridge, James Plyler, Harry Sims, Jack Knight, Norris Parker, Everette Kirkley, Landon Thomas, Mrs. Davis. Absent: Glenn Pope, Richard Thomas, Gerald Mills, Janet Rushing, Virgil Price.

MISS TRULL
Sixth Grade

First row, left to right: Linda Williams, Joyce Wicker, Linda Ross, Lura Moser, Phyllis Moore, Genevieve Deese. Second row: Carson Helms, Floyd Griffin, Larry Stegall, Doris Ann Thomas, Jimmy Moore. Third row: Hazel Rorie, Eugene Jordon, Gene Adams, Libby Collins, Neil Bigham. Fourth row: Martha Walter, Dianne Austin, Ray Walden, Jewel Thomas, Dorothy Horne, Ommie Aldridge. Fifth row: Kathryn Greene, Ned Knight, Patricia Starnes, Gary Hargett. Sixth row: Don Helms, Dennis Rape, Harry Rogers, Miss Trull.

MRS. PHILLIPS
Seventh Grade

First row, left to right: Tommy Long, Donald Hilton, Billy Mullis, Sherrill Mangum, Ronald Hilton, Jerry Carnes, Phillip Hinson, Wade Hunter. Second row: Maxine Tarlton, Patricia Griffen, Diane Autry, Rhonda Rape, Doris Funderburk, Dianne Laney, Louise Arant, Deloris Griffen, Mrs. Phillips. Third row: Kenneth Griffen, Raeford Starnes, Larry Rorie, Donald Carnes, Dianne Taylor, Joyce Tarlton, Joyce Preslar, Carolyn Beaver. Absent: Harley Autrey, Carroll Whitaker, Homer Arant.

MRS. CLARK
Seventh Grade

First row, left to right: Frankie Aldridge, Jerry Moore, Carroll Deason, Alvin James, Wayne Price, Harold Clontz, Bessie Arant, Ida Hinson, Linda Helms. Second row: Sammy Thomas, Wayne Deese, Billy Arant, Mack Hilton, Greer Collins, Baxter Mangum, Donald Ray Smith, Larry Threatt. Third row: Mrs. Clark, Jean Lee, Annie Marsh Griffin, Virgie Helms, Mary Ann Helms, Gearlene Funderburk, Jane Autry, Ellen Autry, Jimmy Presson. Fourth row: Billy Ray Jordan, Max Aldridge, Billy Rorie, Robert E. Sims, Robert L. Sims, Louise Pressley, Martha Collins, Jimmy Lane Thomas, Freddie Mills, James Arant. Absent: H. A. Mills, Georgie May Rollings, Heath Griffin, G. J. Courtney, Rachel Rogers.

MR. NEWKIRK
Eighth Grade

First row, left to right: Don Hemphill, Don Pressley, Jerry Autry, Tommy Ross, Robert Jones, Jerry Medlin, Joel Clontz. Second row: Bonnie Helms, Esther Taylor, Ann Rorie, Dianne Moore, Lavonne Autry, Joyce Moser, Barbara Mattox, Peggy Pressley, Sylvia Smith. Third row: Ralph Rope, Alon Mills, Floyd Stegall, Elaine Collins, Kathleen Deese, Hallie Snipes, Ann Allen. Fourth row: Cecil Helms, Nancy Carlan, Dianne Knight, Doris Outlaw. Absent: Lee Jones.

MRS. WILLIAMS
Eighth Grade

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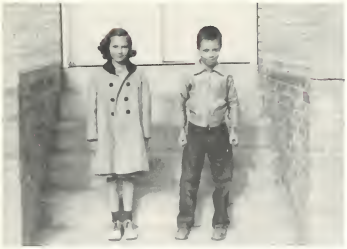

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Senior Class

First row, left to right: Peggy Harrell, Shirlie Autrey, Clara Sims, Doris Whitley, Patsy Williams. Second row: Jamie Deese, Maxine Plyler, Jocelyn Ross, Marion Whitley. Third row: Shirlie Caskey, Jerry Ray Helms, Shirlie Threatt, Miriam Stikelether. Fourth row: Shirlie Ann Thomas, Joyce Riggins, Mavis Deese, Mary Collins. Fifth row: Kenneth Phifer, Glenn McRorie, Cecil Pope, Jerry Suggs. Sixth row: Billy Moore, Richard Funderburk, Bobby Joe Mullis, E. R. Starnes. Seventh row: James Earl Howie, Robert Austin, Ralph Baker, Billy Cox.

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County Champions '53

First row, left to right: Shirley Threatte, Mary Collins, Evelyn Moore, Peggy Whitley, Mavis Deese, Marlene Smith. Second row: Rachel Griffen, Mr. Lathan, Principal; Annie Presslar, Peggy Clontz, Mary Jane Stutts, Willie Deese, Patsy Williams, Louise Deese, Doris Yarborough, Mr. Stewart, Coach; Clara Sims. Absent when picture was taken: Norma Lymn W. Mills.

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Activities

UNION GIRLS' CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM

Left to right, front row: Shirley Tarcatt, Mary Collins, Evelyn Moore, Peggy Whitley, Mavis Deese, Marlene Smith. Back Row: Rachel Griffin, B. W. Lathan, principal, Annie Pressley, Peggy Clontz, Mary Jane Stutts, Wellie Deese, Patsy Williams, Louise Deese, Doris Yarborough, J. B. Stewart, Coach, Clara Sims. Tournament Championship 1953. Season's record: Twenty wins and two defeats. Won Union county championship from Unionville.—Photo By Dixie Photo Shop.

Union Hi Miss

MARY COLLINS

has been chosen the 1954 Miss Hi Miss of Union high school. Her selection was made on the basis of scholarship, character, leadership and personal attractiveness. Her picture will appear in the 17th annual Miss Hi Miss edition of The Johnsonian, student weekly at Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S. C. She will be invited to participate in the Miss Hi Miss Week-End at the South Carolina College for Women April 2-3. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren T. Collins of R1 Monroe, Miss Collins is vice-president of the Student Council, secretary-treasurer of the Beta Club, and a staff member of the school paper. Last year she served as chief marshal and president of the Beta Club. A member of the band, the basketball team, and the softball team, she is last year's winner of the Band Award, the Sportsmanship Award, and the Athletic Award.

Union County Activities Association

Wins Boy's Trophy

Carl Williams, Union high school basketball player, won the boys' free throw trophy in the county this year by getting 21 out of 25 free throws. He is a sophomore, also plays baseball and is a member of the Union high school band.

Union School To Give Barbecue On Saturday

MONROE, Nov. 15—On next Saturday, Nov. 22, from 3:30 until 8 p. m., the Union School will sponsor a barbecue supper. Ed Archer, the famous "Barb-Q Man," of Albemarle will prepare and serve the supper. From 6 until 9:30 p. m. the school carnival will be under way in the high school building.

UNION SCHOOL BOYS SPORTSMANSHIP WINNER FOR 1953

First row, left to right: Max Brooks, Jimmy Griffin, Bedford Deese, Carl Williams, Ralph Baker, Don Taylor. Second row, standing: Mr. B. W. Lathan, principal, Jerry Helms, manager; Frankie Autry, Richard Funderburk, Gerald Gaddy, Sherrill Taylor, Keith Funderburk, Kenneth Phifer, Coach Arthur Newkirk.—Photo By Dixie Photo Shop.

Union High School Basketball Squads

Union's girls' basketball team won the county championship trophy this year and the boys' were awarded the sportsmanship trophy. The free throw trophy for the boys also went to a Union boy, Carl Williams.

Left to right, front row, are: Miriam Stikeleather, Roger Collins, Carroll Mills, Norma Lynn Whitley, Evelyn Moore, Mary Collins, Clara Simms, Mavis Deese, Peggy Whitley, Millon Mangum, and Shirley Sue Thomas. Second row: Louise Deese, Annie Presson, Peggy Cantz, Willie Deese, Rachel Griffin, Shirley Threatt, Marlene Smith, Mary Jane Stutts, Doris Yarborough, and Patsy Williams. Third row: Gerald Gaddy, Carl Williams, Ralph Baker, Bedford Deese, Don Tavler, and W. B. Lathan, principal. Fourth row: Max Brooks, Kenneth Phifer, Keith Funderburk, Richard Funderburk, Sherrill Taylor, and Jerry Ray Helms. Fifth row: Franklin Autry, Robert Austin, Arthur Newkirk, boys' coach, and J. B. Stewart, girls' coach.

Union Basketball Players Honored

(By Reporter)

Union high school held an award banquet at the McAree Hotel Wednesday evening at 7:30 honoring the boys' and girls' basketball teams and cheerleaders. A highly important part of this occasion was the consumption of a large amount of swiss steak. After this enjoyable task of consuming a great deal of delicious food, Mr. Lathan opened the program by analyzing the athletic situation at Union. His praise for the conduct of both boys' and girls' teams was magnanimous. He especially stressed the fine fighting spirit of the championship girls' team. To say that he was pleased with their record would be a gross understatement. He chiefly dwelt on the fine scrap and hustle of the girls in their championship game with Unionville. At the conclusion of this warm and heartfelt beginning of the banquet, Mr. Lathan introduced Union's capable girls' coach, Mr. J. B. Stewart.

At this time, Mr. Lathan presented Mr. Stewart with a beautiful duplicate of the girls' championship trophy. Mr. Stewart, although much abashed, quite competently dwelt on the fortunes of his girls team throughout the preceding season. Mr. Stewart gave much credit for the success of his sextette to the brilliant work performed by the forwards, Norma Lynn Whitley, Mary Collins and Evelyn Moore. Coach Stewart, ever mindful of the fact that a team is no stronger than its basic defense, called attention to the great job done by guards, Mavis Deese, Marlene Smith, Shirley Threatt and Willie Deese. Mr. Stewart mentioned the wonderful spirit of his highly successful girls in never giving up but always fighting back to usually win.

At this point, Mr. Lathan presented a duplicate of the boys' sportsmanship trophy to Coach Arthur Newkirk. Newkirk, after trying unsuccessfully to get a word or two out of a couple of his layers, Carroll Mills and "Gabby" Jack Brooks, mentioned the fact that he and the boys appreciated the fine support they received during the late season. Also he and the boys appreciated very much their award of the sportsmanship trophy.

Mr. Ben Williams, official timer, was next introduced and he made several very fitting remarks of praise about both teams.

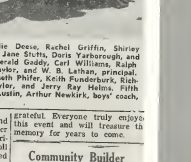
Next Mr. Lathan awarded letters to the following girls: Norma Lynn Whitley, four years experience with one year as captain; Mary Collins, three years with one year as captain; Evelyn Moore, two years; Peggy Whitley, one year; Mary Jane Stutts, one year; Clara Simms, two years, all forwards. Guards presented letters were: Shirley Threatt, three years; Willie Deese, two years; Mavis Deese, two years; Marlene Smith, one year; and Louise Deese, one year. An unusual feature of this awarding was the projection of the picture of the individual players upon a screen but prior to presenting their letter. Mr. Williams operated the projector with Coach Newkirk making introductions. Mr. Lathan reviewed the unusual record of Norma Lynn Whitley, all county forward, who graduates this spring. In her four years of competition, Norma Lynn scored a total of 1261 points in 72 games for a fine average of 17 plus. Her invaluable contribution to the Union cause was duly recognized by big-hearted Mr. Lathan. Her team will sorely miss the offensive punch Norma Lynn gave. She was a grand sport and always hustled.

Following this, Mr. Lathan presented 10 letters to the boys. The following received block U's: Carroll Mills, four years experience with one year as captain; Bedford Deese, two years; Don Taylor, two years; Ralph Baker, three years; Jimmy Griffin, two years; Max Brooks, one year; Franklin Autry, one year; Robert Austin, one year; Sherrill Taylor, one year; and Carl Williams, two years; also manager Jerry Helms. Jerry has done an excellent job both in the gym and during the boys' games, too. After this, Mr. Lathan paid special tribute to senior captain, Carroll Mills, who in four years burned the nets for 852 points. In 66 games Carroll averaged 12 points an outing. Especially during this final season Carroll had to bear the brunt of the Union offense Mills was always cooperative and many times played when severely handicapped by various injuries. Carroll will be hard to replace. Also finishing are first-liners Bedford Deese and Don Taylor.

The following cheerleaders were given a standing ovation: Julia Funderburk, Mary Ann Deese, Shirley Thomas, Peggy Threatt, Miriam Stikeleather and Millon Mangum. Besides being very beautiful and handsome, these cheerleaders really rocked the roof and we are very proud of them.

A number of good Union patrons helped bear the financial brunt of this highly successful and enjoyable affair. At this time our generous benefactors remain anonymous. For the fine cooperation we have received the Union ball clubs, coaches and principal are deeply grateful. Everyone truly enjoyed this event and will treasure its memory for years to come.

Community Builder



TROY MEDLIN

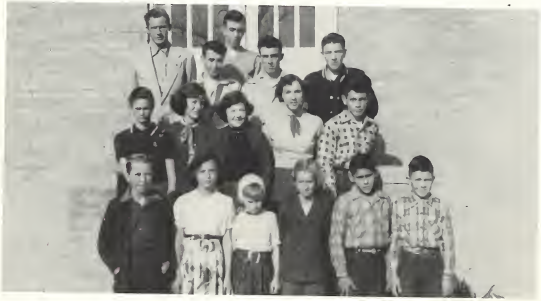
has served continuously for 37 years as committeeman of Union high school, district 4. He has the distinct honor of having served as committeeman for a continuously longer period than any individual in Union county. Mr. Medlin has helped guide the educational growth of the Union community from a number of one or more teacher schools to a consolidated district school. Mr. Medlin was born February 13, 1869. He married Miss Kate Helms in 1913. They have seven children and fifteen grandchildren. Mr. Medlin has been a member of the Macedonia Baptist church for the past 41 years and has served as deacon for the past 30 years. The Union community has been made brighter, happier, and more progressive because of Mr. Medlin's understanding, loyalty, kindness and good naturedness.

Student Council Officers

Bobby Joe Mullis - - - - - - - - - President
Mary Collins - - - - - - - - Vice President
Kenneth Phifer - - - - - - - - - -Secretary

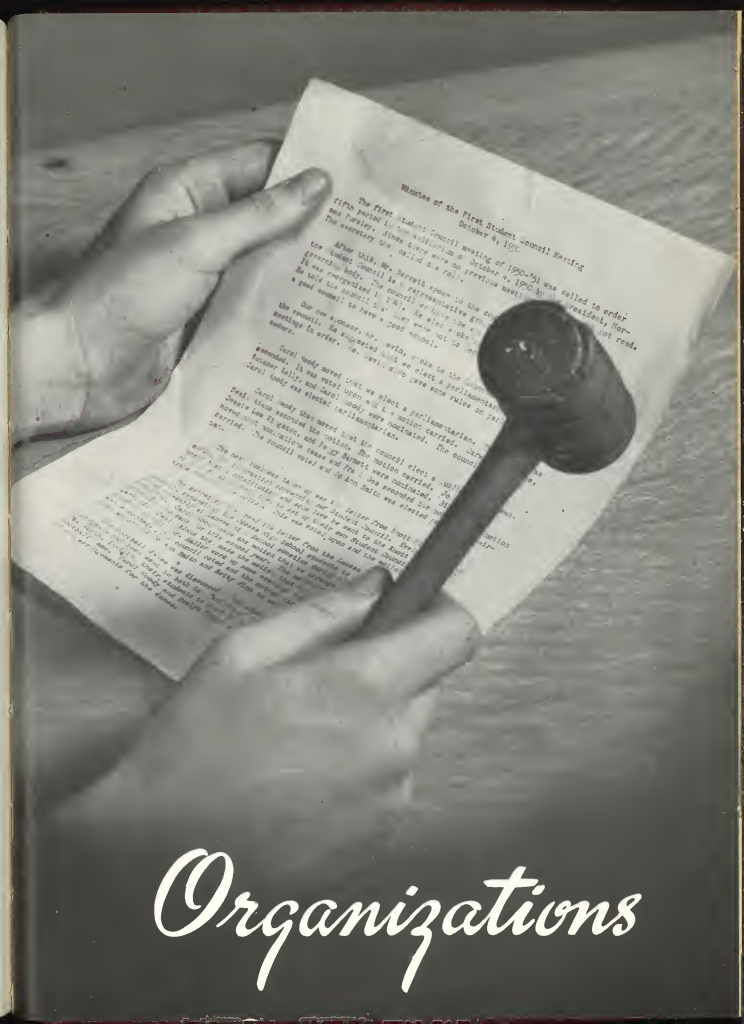
Beta Club

First row, left to right: Mary Ann Dean, Mrs. Bonnie Deese, Evelyn Moore, Patsy Williams, Shirlie Threatt. Second row: Mary Collins, Treasurer; Shirley Ann Thomas, Vice President; Margaret Clontz, Julia Funderburk. Third row: Shirlie Caskey, President; Shirlie Autry, Bobby Medlin.



Student Council

First row, left to right: Jerry Carnes, Janet Rushing, Ann Lee, Mary Hasty, Neal Bigham, Charles Rape. Second row: Martha Collins, Elaine Austin, Esther Taylor, Mary Collins, Dillon Griffen. Third row: Bobby Mullis, Maurice Thomas, Gerald Gaddy, Billy Moore, Bobby Collins.



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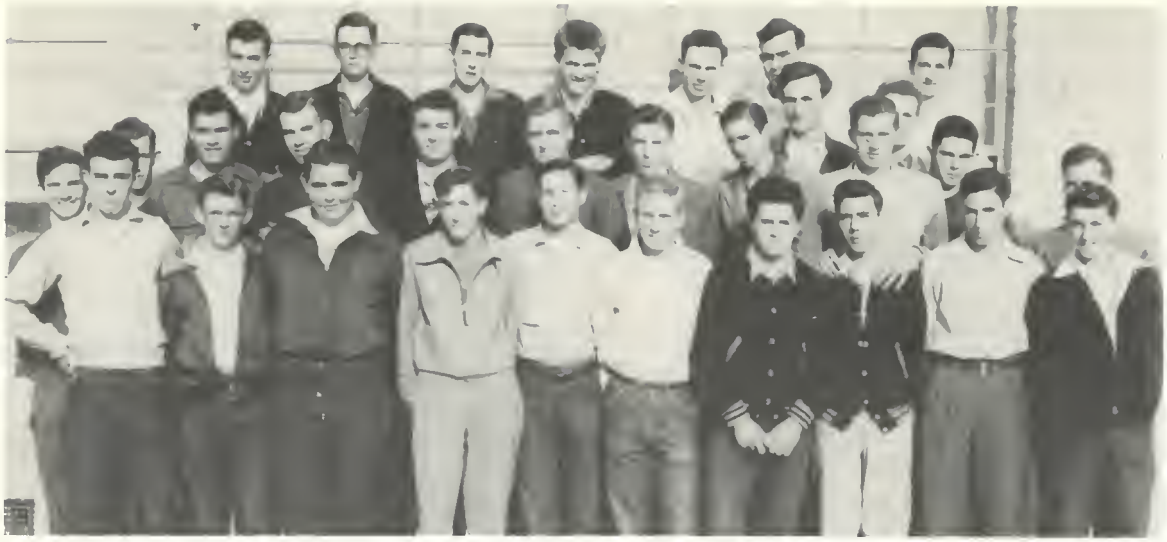


MR. BEN WILLIAMS

Senior F.F.A.

First row, left to right: Billy Moore, Bobby Suggs, Charles James, Spencer Collins, Millon Mangum, Jerry Ray Helms, Franklin Autry, Kenneth Phifer, Tim Ross, James Funderburk. Second row: Glenn McRorie, Kemp Helms, Roger Collins, Max Presson, David Deese, Bobby Medlin, Jerry Suggs, E. R. Starnes, Billy Cox, Bobby Joe Mullis, Richard Funderburk, L. C. Arant, Mr. Ben Williams. Third row: Gerald Gaddy, Hebert Rorie, Jerry Helms, Jimmy Griffen, Ralph Baker, Marcus Carlan.

Junior F.F.A.

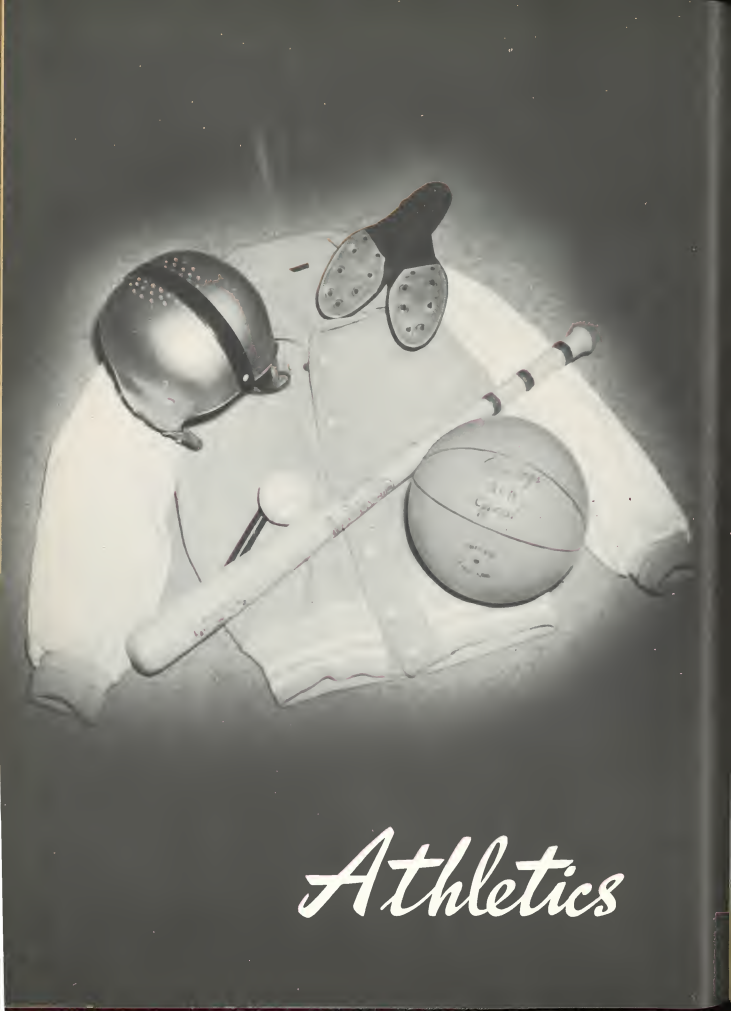
First row, left to right: Marvin Medlin, Amos Blair Horne, Cecil Griffen, Buddy Mattox, Bobby Lee, Stancil Pope, Earl Laney, Ronald Suggs, Joe Carroll Clontz, Jerry Adcock. Second row: Billy Collins, Max Smith, Buddy Boswell, Bruce Medlin, Charles Rorie, Keith Funderburk, Otto Long, Jerry Thomas, Gene Autry, Jerry Mullis, Arnold Threatt, Harley Parker, Morris Autry. Third row: Glenson Funderburk, Billy Hemphill, David Funderburk, Gary Rorie, Tommy Collins, Bobby Collins, H. S. Carlan, Max Presson, Darrell Mangum, Bruce Deese, Calvin Sneed, Jack Hinson, Mr. Williams. Fourth row: Don Collins, Doyle Martin, Sherrill Taylor, Max Brooks, Gene Adams.

Bus Drivers

Left to right: Bobby Joe Mullis, Glenn McRorie, Patsy Williams, Kenneth Phifer, Jerry Suggs, Miriam Stikelether, Billy Moore, Ralph Baker.

Typing Class

First row, left to right: Mrs. Bonnie Deese, Jocelyn Ross, Peggy Whitley, Bobby Suggs, Marion Whitley, Peggy Harrell, Shirlie Autry, Clara Sims, Doris Yarbrough, Doris Whitley, Evelyn Moore, Annie Mae Sneed. Second row: Mavis Deese, Faynell Horne, Mary Collins, Mary Ann Dean, Shirlie Threatt, Margie Collins, Marion Griffin, Doris Rape, Maxine Plyler, Jessie Griffin. Third row: Margaret Clontz, Julia Funderburk, Shirley Ann Thomas, Clara Austin, Joyce Riggins, Mary Lee Parker, Shelley Snipes, Shirlie Caskey, Gene Autry, Millon Mangum, Carl Williams. Fourth row: Roger Collins, Tim Ross, Max Presson, Maurice Thomas, Billy Moore, Bobby Medlin, Gerald Gaddy, Richard Funderburk, James Earl Howie, Robert Austin, Ralph Baker, Marcus Carlan. Absent: Patsy Williams, Jerry Helms, Glenn McRorie, Miriam Stikeleather, Kenneth Phifer, Jerry Suggs.



Athletics

Cheerleaders

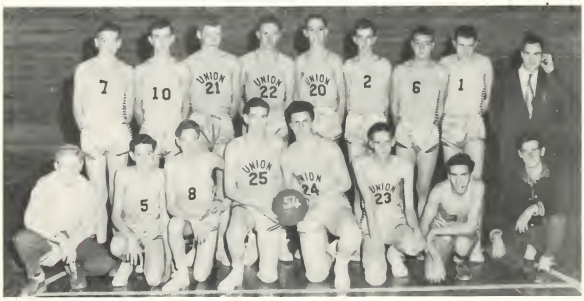
Left to right: Roger Collins, Miriam Stikeleather, Mary Ann Dean, Doris Rape, Julia Funderburk, Doris Yarbrough, Doris Whitley, Millon Mangum.

Girls' Scrimmage

Left to right: Marlene Smith, Shirlie Threatte, Mavis Deese, Mary Collins, Evelyn Moore, Clara Sims.

Girls' Basketball Team

First row, left to right: Mable Faulkenbury, Clara Sims, Evelyn Moore, Peggy Whitley, Fairis Whitley, Louise Deese, Phyllis Watson, Shirlie Threatt. Second row: Kenneth Phifer, Manager; Mary Collins, Willie Deese, Mary Jane Stutts, Marceille Thomas, Clara Austin, Rachel Griffen, Mavis Deese, Mr. Newkirk, Coach.



Boys' Basketball Team

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Cheerleaders

Left to right: Roger Collins, Miriam Stikeleather, Mary Ann Dean, Doris Rape, Julia Funderburk, Doris Yarbrough, Doris Whitley, Millon Mangum.

Gymnasium Scrimmage

Left to right: Gerald Gaddy, Jim Pope, Ralph Hargett, Franklin Autry, Jerry Helms, J. Braswell, Ralph Baker, Jimmy Tarlton, Max Brooks, Jimmy Griffin, Ted Hargett.

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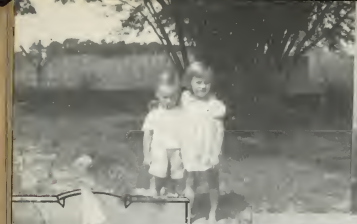

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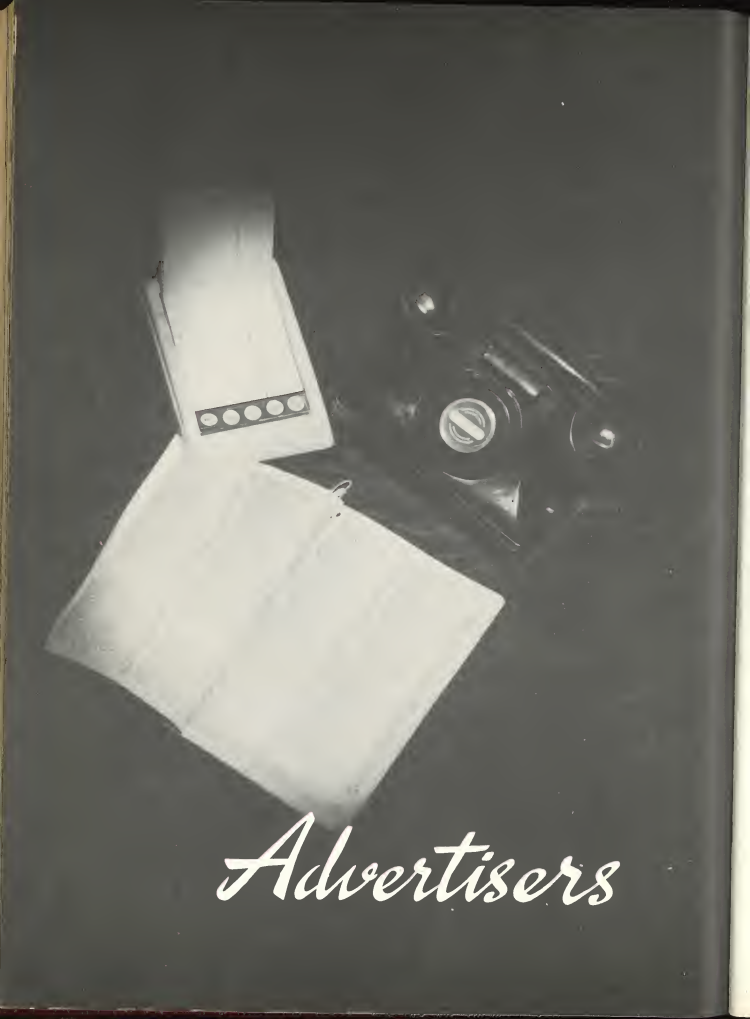
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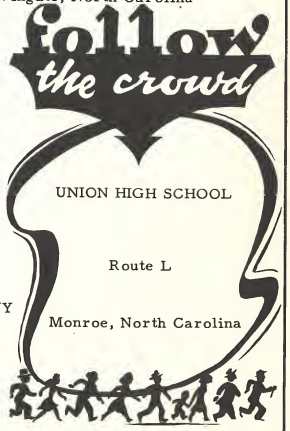

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